

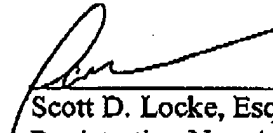
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REMARKS

In a Final Office Action mailed on August 10, 2004, the Examiner rejected all of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. On August 27, 2004, the undersigned attorney of record conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Marschel, for which Applicants would like to thank the Examiner. During that interview, rewording of the final "wherein clause" of claim 37 was discussed. In light of the discussion, Applicants have amended claim 37 consistent with the Examiner's suggestions. Support for this amendment may, for example, be found on page 20, lines 30 -35 of the originally filed specification. Without expressing an opinion as to the merits of the pending rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that in light of the amendment above, the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit that no fee is due at this time. If a fee is deemed necessary, the United States Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0171 for such sum accordingly.

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